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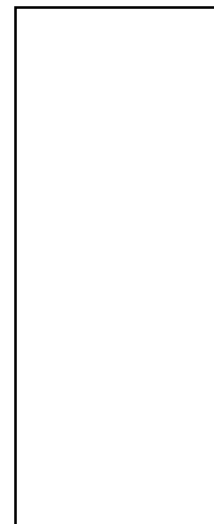
Ladies' and Children's Groups in full swing (pg.4)

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Great new event: White Elephant Party (pg.15)  
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Articles by members are always appreciated and needed.

The deadlines are August 15, October 15, December 15, February 15 and April 15.

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First Name Last Name First Name Last Name (Optional)

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Month - Day Month - Day

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3) \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ 4) \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Member Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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If you have any questions or need more information, please call the Membership Chair or the President (see page 2 for phone number or email address).

**Letter from the President**

Dear Fellow Members of the H.A.C:

Today is October 15<sup>th</sup>. We have just enjoyed another successful Leiden's Ontzet at Henk's. Our next event, which is a new event for the HAC. is a BBQ/Horseback Riding outing, suggested by Nahla and Erik Wulfers. That event will happen on October 29<sup>th</sup>, I plan to be there, but just for the barbeque, you will not get me on top of a horse!

I mentioned Leiden's Ontzet. Great success! However, we again had a small logistical problem there. We received reservations from over 50 members but just 37 members sent in their payment. And as mentioned at several occasions, the club only can book for the number of people who have paid. But with 50 reservations we had an advance warning that there could be a problem. 56 People attended. We are grateful to Henk, Hubert and Adrian that they were able to handle such an excess crowd and that they had hutspot, brisket and herring for all. We also thank them for opening the store on an evening that they are normally closed.

Early November we plan to publish the HAC directory again. Some of our members refer to it when they send out Christmas cards. Last year the directory showed 110 member families who had paid their dues. As of today the financial club books show that just 60 families have paid their dues. As done in other years, in early November we will drop unpaid members from the membership database and as a result they will then no longer receive invitations for events or will be shown in the directory. If you haven't paid your dues yet, please do so as soon as possible. We need the missing dues to help pay for the Tulip Talks, directory and all the planned events for this club year.

As usual, I will try to be at all planned events and hope to see you all there.

Met vriendelijke groet



## RECURRING EVENTS

### Ladies' lunch/night-out

The Ladies' Lunch/night-out Group has gotten off to a rousing start for this club year! There will be one lunch and one White Elephant meeting!

#### **Friday November 17, 2006 from 11 AM onwards:**

Thanksgiving Lunch at Diana Kool's home. Diana will prepare the turkey, so please bring a "Thanksgiving" dish to share. Let her know if you would like to attend and what kind of side dish you are bringing. **Call her at (972) 731-9609 or send her an e-mail: [diana.kool@comcast.net](mailto:diana.kool@comcast.net).** Her address is 4428 Avebury Drive, Plano TX 75024

#### **Wednesday December 13, 2006 at 7:30 PM:**

It's time for the "White Elephant Party". Our host this time is Irma Schendstok. Everybody is asked to bring a "Christmas Home Decorating Item" in the price range of \$10 - \$15 and a festive appetizer to share. For further information on this party, we refer to the article in this TT **on page 15**. Please let Irma know if you would like to attend. **Call her at (972) 731-0027 or send her an e-mail: [fschendstok@yahoo.com](mailto:fschendstok@yahoo.com).** Her address is 8120 Grand Canyon Drive, Plano TX 75025

Please **call Hilde Wilkinson** if you are interested in hosting for January/February:  
**214.585.4656.**

### Children's playgroup

**This group has also been restarted, thanks to Inge who volunteered!**

#### **Friday November 3, 2006 from 9 AM onwards:**

The play group meets at Inge Noordhuis' home for a morning of fun. We will do a "comic book" exchange. The Noordhuis family has a lot of Dutch comic books like Donald Duck, Jan Jans en Garfield. Everybody who is interested can bring their comic books and exchange them. Let Inge know if you are planning to attend. **Call her at (972) 501-9411 or e-mail her at [romke.inge@sbcglobal.net](mailto:romke.inge@sbcglobal.net).** The address is 2409 Clearspring Dr. South, Irving, TX 75063

Please also **call Hilde** if you are interested in hosting a children's' play group.

### **Board Meetings**

The **HAC Board** meets once a month at one of the board members' homes. Our meetings are informative and fun. The board meetings are **free and open to the membership**. We cordially invite you to attend the meetings. Just let the host(ess) know that you are coming, so more goodies will be prepared.

The **November** board meeting will be at 7:30 pm on **November 13** at the home of **Frits Evenbly**, 1103 Brazos Drive, Southlake, TX, 817.251.4511.

The **December** meeting is at 7:30 pm on **December 11** at Henny Houston's, 6207 Yorkshire Drive, Dallas, TX, 214.368.2271. Please R.S.V.P. for these meetings at the e-mail addresses on page 2.

## OBITUARY

The board hereby notifies the membership that **Jan van Es** has passed away. He was one of the co-founders of the Holland-America Club of Dallas, and we extend our condolences to his wife, Betty.

## SPORTNIEUWS

STAND EREDIVISIE 23 OCTOBER 2006

Team	GP	W	D	L	Pts
<a href="#">Ajax Amsterdam</a>	8	7	0	1	<b>21</b>
<a href="#">PSV Eindhoven</a>	8	6	1	1	<b>19</b>
<a href="#">AZ Alkmaar</a>	8	5	2	1	<b>17</b>
<a href="#">Twente Enschede</a>	8	5	2	1	<b>17</b>
<a href="#">Roda JC Kerkrade</a>	8	5	1	2	<b>16</b>
<a href="#">FC Groningen</a>	8	4	2	2	<b>14</b>
<a href="#">Heerenveen</a>	8	4	1	3	<b>13</b>
<a href="#">FC Utrecht</a>	8	4	1	3	<b>13</b>
<a href="#">Feyenoord Rotterdam</a>	8	3	2	3	<b>11</b>
<a href="#">Excelsior</a>	8	3	1	4	<b>10</b>
<a href="#">Heracles Almelo</a>	8	3	1	4	<b>10</b>
<a href="#">NEC Nijmegen</a>	8	3	1	4	<b>10</b>
<a href="#">NAC Breda</a>	8	3	1	4	<b>10</b>
<a href="#">Vitesse Arnhem</a>	8	3	0	5	<b>9</b>
<a href="#">Willem II Tilburg</a>	8	2	1	5	<b>7</b>
<a href="#">RKC Waalwijk</a>	8	1	3	4	<b>6</b>
<a href="#">ADO Den Haag</a>	8	0	1	7	<b>1</b>
<a href="#">Sparta Rotterdam</a>	8	0	1	7	<b>1</b>

## CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

### Group C

	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Liverpool (England)	1	0	1	3	2	4
PSV Eindhoven (Netherlands)	1	0	1	1	0	4
Galatasaray (Turkey)	0	1	1	2	3	1
Bordeaux (France)	0	1	1	0	1	1

### Passengers of Dutch railway NS soon can watch onboard television

**UTRECHT** - This December, the Dutch Railways (NS) will begin its own version of offering onboard television programs. Some 1,200 cars in the so-called Intercity network will be equipped with airplane-style monitors. Passengers primarily will be informed of arrival times and transfer possibilities this way, but also could watch up-to-date news as well as entertainment programs, and commercials. Paid advertising will offset most of the cost, which allows NS to hold the line on ticket prices. The NS works together with telecom giant KPN in offering the service, which will be implemented after a successful trial project earlier this year. In the future, the railway company also will offer wireless internet services in its passenger cars.

### REMBRANDTJAAR KASKRAKER VOOR TOERISTENINDUSTRIE

De activiteiten rond het Rembrandtjaar hebben in de eerste acht maanden van 2006 al 1,5 miljoen belangstellenden getrokken. De stichting Rembrandt 400 verwacht dat tot eind december nog zeker 250,000 bezoekers zullen komen naar de tentoonstellingen en andere activiteiten rond het leven en de werken van de beroemde schilder uit de Gouden Eeuw, die vierhonderd jaar geleden geboren werd. Dit is het meest succesvolle culturele evenement dat ooit in Nederland heeft plaatsgevonden. De Verenigde Staten leveren de meeste bezoekers, op de voet gevolgd door de Fransen, Spanjaarden, Britten en Duitsers, volgens het Nederlands Bureau voor Toerisme en Congressen. Het themajaar betekent een oppepper voor de Nederlandse economie. De organisatoren stellen dat er voor 100 miljoen euro aan extra bestedingen binnen komt.



## Letter from the editor

Goededag allen!

I want to thank our board for persisting and putting the previous issues of our TT on the Web. Have you tried our TT-link already? We are also experimenting with different layouts, but this issue will have the same look as the previous issue.

I would like to remind our prospective members that you still need to apply on the website, even though you have sent in your check to the treasurer.

This edition shows that we have a busy calendar for the next two months, and also reminds us of the New Year's celebration at Henk's. Can it really be 2007 in a few months?

From now on we will try to have the **recurring** events on page 4, and the **upcoming** events starting on page 7, so we have some consistency. Please look there for this information. **Please pay attention to the deadlines for reserving and payment!**

We really need some fun Dutch anecdotes and facts from our members for the next issues! We would like to see your sense of humor!

Give me a call at 214.349.3335 or e-mail me at: [tuliptalk@hollandamericaclub.com](mailto:tuliptalk@hollandamericaclub.com) with your comments and suggestions.

Een geweldige Sinterklaas, kerst en uiteinde gewenst aan iedereen!

Till the next issue,

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## Leiden's Ontzet Follow-up

**Open letter from the Winnubst family to the  
Holland-America Club members  
(by Adrian Winnubst)**

Dear Club Members,

We would like to first thank everybody for attending the Leiden's Ontzet evening on October 5th. We hope everybody enjoyed themselves and had a good meal. Henk worked very hard making the hutspot. Unfortunately this year he had to make it by himself as his helper left for Seattle, so it may have tasted differently than in previous years.

We did get many compliments from quite a few members, so thanks to you all who have been incredibly supportive over the years.

We want to apologize for not having dessert. In the course of the busy day it was an oversight. We would like to bring some cakes to the Christmas Party in hopes of making up for any disappointment we may have caused. Please accept our apologies for our forgetting dessert that night. And as always thanks for the wonderful support of the Holland-America Club.

From the Winnubst family at Henk's European Deli.



## Dutch historical Markers

Where are there remnants of Dutch heritage in this fair land? The Tulip Talk would like suggestions from members, especially about areas that we don't often think of, like the example below.

The editor has compiled some famous **Dutch landmarks in the U.S.** to get us going. Who knows more?

- Windmill at Golden Gate Park.
- Houses in lower Manhattan, close to Wall Street. A few streets look like you are in Amsterdam.
- Holland, Michigan.
- Nederland, Texas still has a windmill downtown.

### Victoria Dutch Windmill (1840s)

City of Victoria, Parks & Recreation Dept., Victoria, TX.  
Mid-19th-century wind-powered gristmill of Dutch turret-mill style.

This is an old technology brought here by new immigrants. It represents the beginning of modern life in a hard wilderness. This wind-powered gristmill was built in 1870 by Fred Meiss, Jr., and Otto Fiek near Spring Creek, from parts of the first windmill in the new state of Texas, erected by E.G. Witte. The millstones are the ones Witte imported from Europe and are believed to be one of the earliest sets in the United States to survive.

It is similar to a Dutch turret mill, the top of which can be turned so the sails face the wind, which was common throughout 19th century Europe. It was considered portable, made of wood and lightweight shingle covers rather than a masonry tower, and most likely was moved to several locations during its years of operation.

**Fact:** President Van Buren's first language was Dutch, which he spoke exclusively at home.

NB: Please pre-pay and reserve with your check!

### Sunday December 3 - Sinterklaas

Onze goedheiligman met zijn Pieterbaas komt weer helemaal vanuit Spanje om de kinderen in Dallas te bezoeken. De Sint vindt het geweldig als de kinderen ook hun best doen op de kleurplaat die in het midden van deze Tulip Talk is afgedrukt, want het doet zijn hart goed om deze allemaal te ontvangen.

De ouders worden verzocht één cadeau per kind mee te brengen (\$10-\$20 price range). They have to label the gift with the child's first and last name.

They also have to write something about their kids (if they were nice or naughty for the past year...) and send it to Hilde...she'll pass it on to Sinterklaas.

**Tijd:** 2pm until 4.30pm

**Plaats:** "Dutch Barn" in Colleyville (info and directions on **page 9**; pictures on **page 11**)

**Kost:** 5\$ per person (member and extended family) and 10\$ for non- members.

**RSVP (met check) voor maandag 27 november bij Hilde Wilkinson.**

**Hilde's address is 705 Rouen Drive, McKinney Texas 75070; e-mail is [reservations@hollandamericclub.com](mailto:reservations@hollandamericclub.com); telephone is 214.585.4656**



### Saturday December 16 - Christmas Party

Luit en Jamie Huizinga hebben weer hun uiterst mooie winkel ter beschikking gesteld voor ons jaarlijkse kerstfeest. Hartelijk dank! De club zal weer voor verscheidene hapjes en drankjes zorgen zoals vorig jaar.

**Plaats:** Cebolla Fine Flowers, 4320 Lovers lane at Douglas in Dallas

**Tijd:** 8pm till???

**Kost:** \$18 per person for members en \$25 per person for guests.

**RSVP with your check to Nathalie van Trier, 3504 Everglade lane, Wylie TX 75098 (NOT HILDE THIS TIME)**

**Tel 214 4741455; e-mail: [programchair@hollandamericclub.com](mailto:programchair@hollandamericclub.com)**

**Reservation AND payment by December 10 please.**

### Thursday January 11 - New Year's Reception

Dit populaire feest (alleen voor leden) wordt ook dit jaar weer gehouden bij Henk's European Deli. De clubleden zijn al aan het likkebaarden in verwachting op de heerlijke bitterballen and olieballen die altijd worden opgediend!

**Kost: Gratis, maar dit feest is alleen voor onze leden bestemd.**

**Tijd:** 7pm

**Please reserve in advance with Hilde by January 6.**

# Hartelijk Gefeliciteerd

## November 2006

- 1 - Jane Van der Straaten
- 4 - Bianca Fernhout  
Bill Van Houten
- 6 - Romke Noordhuis
- 10 - Christopher Hamilton
- 13 - Anja Wagemans
- 14 - Jack Wybenga
- 15 - Linda Schendstok (child, 7)
- 16 - Gregory Post (child, 7)
- 19 - Jako Garos
- 20 - Henny Houston  
Randy Wilkinson
- 21 - Rick Kusters (child, 11)  
Martina Van Houten  
Jeannette Willemstyn
- 23 - Kay Wright
- 24 - Olav Noordhuis (child, 5)
- 25 - Elie Tabbah
- 26 - Jetty De Haan
- 27 - Lars Noordhuis (child, 3)
- 28 - Iris Schendstok (teenage child, 17)
- 30 - Willem Noteboom

## December 2006

- 1 - Lammert De Haan  
Mimi Dupont  
Frank Stiphout
- 2 - Joyce Brinker  
Serenity Noteboom
- 5 - Michael Kan
- 6 - John Wells
- 9 - Lauren Witsenburg
- 11 - Ilse Kramer-Wood  
Rene Smits
- 15 - Von Ceile  
Jo Kuster
- 17 - Patsy Waterreus
- 18 - Jacob Noteboom
- 20 - Saskia Hamilton (child, 5)  
Lena Winnubst (child, 11)
- 21 - Hans de Graaff
- 22 - Gerard Alblas  
Sietske Holt
- 23 - Loes Visser
- 24 - Nicholas Joseph Tabbah (child, 3)  
Jan Van Es
- 26 - Dave Mills
- 28 - Rachel Hoefnagel
- 29 - Blake Witsenburg (child, 5)

## Consul's Corner

### Striktere eisen paspoortfoto's (zie vorige TT, ed.)

Met ingang van 26 augustus 2006 zijn de Nederlandse reisdocumenten, het paspoort en Nederlandse identiteitskaart, voorzien van een chip waarin een gezichtopname is opgeslagen.

De gezichtopname wordt verkregen door het scannen van een pasfoto die voldoet aan striktere eisen.

Met de invoering van de Fotomatrix Model 2006 voldoet Nederland aan de eisen die de EU-verordening aan de gezichtopname stelt.

Alleen indien een pasfoto aan alle in de fotomatrix gestelde eisen voldoet, wordt deze geaccepteerd door het Consulaat bij de aanvraag van een reisdocument.

De meeste fotografen zijn (nog ) niet bekend met de eisen die aan de nieuwe Nederlandse paspoortfoto's worden gesteld.

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## SINTERKLAAS IS JARIG! WAAR ZULLEN WE HET VIENEN?

This year we are excited to have a new venue for the yearly visit of Sinterklaas. We will welcome him and his 'knechten' (entourage) at a genuine four-stall Dutch barn (**pictures on page 11**), built in the 1700s by Dutch immigrants. The barn, which was originally raised by Dutch farmers in New Jersey, has been moved to Colleyville. The beautiful inside has been rebuilt with the original beams with wood-peg construction. The outside of the building required new wood (which I understand barns regularly do). The wood for this came from the area devastated by Katrina. Cypress trees were used. This will be a real old-fashioned Sinterklaas celebration. Dutch baked goods will also be served.

The barn is located at the end of Providence Road in the Whittier Heights subdivision in Colleyville. Directions follow.

### Coming from the South and South-Eastern Dallas:

Take the **Airport Freeway (Hwy 183) West** to the Precinctline Rd. exit.

Turn **North** on Precinctline Rd. and stay on that road for about **4.4 miles** until coming to the traffic lights at McDonwell School Rd.

Turn **right** on McDonwell School Rd. and follow McDonwell School Rd. East for **.8 miles**.

Turn **left** immediately after the church on Providence Rd. into the Whittier Heights subdivision. Follow Providence Rd. (North) for **.5 miles** to the destination barn on the left.

### Coming from the North and North-Eastern Dallas:

Get to **Hwy 635 West or Hwy 121 South**, (which is North of the airport) and exit **West** for **Hwy 114**. Follow Hwy 114 towards Bridgeport and exit at Southlake Boulevard (FM 1709).

Turn **left** at the bridge and follow Southlake Boulevard (FM 1709) West for **5.3 miles** until coming to the traffic lights at Davis Blvd.

Turn **left** on Davis Blvd. and follow that road South for **1.9 miles** until coming to the traffic lights at Precinctline Rd.

Turn **left** on Precinctline Rd and follow that road SouthEast for **.5 miles**.

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## REPORT OF LEIDEN'S ONTZET AT HENK'S

By Meta Evenbly

As we have done for many, many years now, the Dutch celebrated Leiden's Ontzet at Henk's restaurant/store. The Winnubst brothers opened up the restaurant on Thursday evening, October 5th. By seven o'clock several people had already arrived. In total 57 people attended (you can find the pictures on the HAC website).

The restaurant was full of people talking, reminiscing, visiting and generally having a good time. The atmosphere was in a word, "gezellig".

The city of Leiden was of strategic importance and was besieged in the 80-year war by the Spaniards. The Spanish general Valdez besieged the town on October 31, 1573. Willem de Zwijger sent forces from the South, to entice the Spaniards. On March 21, 1574 Valdez left, but sneaked back on the night of May 24th. There was a big shortage of all sorts of supplies in Leiden. As if that was not enough, the Black Death (pest) broke out in July. On July 30th the "Staten van Holland" decided to break the dikes to flood the surrounding countryside. The good burghers of Leiden were reduced to eating dogs, cats and rats.

In the meantime, the Spaniards had quietly retreated. It was on October 3rd, 1574, that the citizens of Leiden found out to their joy that the Spaniards had fled. The "Watergeuzen" entered the town via "de Vliet" and distributed food to the hungry townsfolk. Each was given a half a loaf of bread with cheese and herring.

This and other small successes during this decade spurred the Dutch on to a resounding overall defeat of the Spaniards in the 80-year War and propelled the Netherlands to world hegemony during the "Golden Age".

Legend has it that a boy got out of the city and found a pot of hutspot left by the Spaniards, and that is why the Dutch eat that staple on this celebratory day.

All in all, it was a good celebration at Henk's of this historic event.

## UPCOMING EVENTS – PART TWO

### WHITE ELEPHANT PARTY: DECEMBER 13th, 7:30 p.m.

Have you ever been to one of the Holland America Club's White Elephant parties? It's a ladies-only party and lots of fun. On Wednesday December the 13th we will meet at Irma's house, have some festive appetizers and a glass of wine. Later on we will have the gift exchange. Everybody is asked to bring a **Christmas Home decorating item in the price range \$10- \$15**. Please try to be creative and bring a gift that you would like to receive as well. **An appetizer to share will be appreciated.**

The origin of the term "white elephant" is unclear.

One of the possibilities is that it originated in Thailand, where elephants are highly revered and white elephants are virtually sacred, the King of Thailand had the right to take any white elephant from anyone and replace it with a gray elephant. The dilemma this gift imposed is that the recipient had to fulfill tradition and honor the gift (keeping it alive) despite the tremendous inconvenience and expense it caused. Therefore, a traditional white elephant gift involves ridiculous, often inconvenient gifts that nobody wants.

Well, at the white elephant party of the Holland-America Club of Dallas, we changed some of the original rules. We don't "trade" elephants or inconvenient gifts; we play the game the American way.

Part of the fun is the "stealing" involved in this game: You might pick a really nice present at first, but chances are big that your gift will be "stolen", however a gift will be frozen after changing three times from the owner.

Please confirm your attendance at 972-731-0027 or [fschendstok@yahoo.com](mailto:fschendstok@yahoo.com).

**Address: Irma Schendstok, 8120 Grand Canyon Drive, Plano, TX, 75025.**

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### **The Netherlands considered leader in fight against poverty**

**WASHINGTON** - The Netherlands tops the list of the world's twenty-one richest nations when considering how much they help poor countries build prosperity, good government and security. The Commitment to Development Index (CDI) rates each rich country in seven policy areas, which then are averaged for an overall score. Last year, the CDI paced the Netherlands second overall.

The components in the CDI are measured by the Center for Global Development (CGD), a U.S. think tank. Taken into consideration are such criteria as the population and the size of the economy of the donor country. While the Netherlands ranks first overall, Japan finishes last while the UK and the U.S. rank below the top-ten as well.

The index measures seven components: foreign aid, trade, investment, migration, environment, security and technology. The Netherlands ranks high as an investor, for example by setting up subsidiaries in Third World countries. Environmental issues also rank high for the Netherlands as does security in the form of participation in peacekeeping operations and the deployment of Navy ships to safeguard shipping in important sea lanes.

The Center for Global Development however also states that the Netherlands could improve on its record. Dutch 'weaknesses' include a small share of foreign students from developing countries, who also pay higher tuition fees; high per-capita greenhouse emissions despite a large decline since 1994; and low tax subsidy rates for research and development.

### **Membership Drive at the Tamminga's**

The "Party of the Summer" was once again held at the Tamminga's in September. Many old, renewing, and brand-new members showed up and had a great time!

The club thanks all the members who helped set this event up, and also the new members who signed up! We are happy to have you!



PICTURES OF THE DUTCH BARN IN COLLEYVILLE FOR SINTERKLAAS



